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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENABLING NATIONAL LANGUAGE  
SUPPORT OF A DATABASE ENGINE**

A method and apparatus for enabling NLS of a database engine. A new feature is added to the database engine, which allows the user to define a language or locale setting when he or she first connects to the database engine. The message tables in the database engine dynamically adapts to the setting. The language or locale setting becomes an implicit table key whenever the message table is used.